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H. R. 260

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McMILLAN (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

A BILL

To authorize the Administrator of General Services Administration to contract for the construction of certain parking facilities on federally owned property in the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Parking Facili-
4 ties Act of 1967".

5 SEC. 2. Congress hereby finds that within the District
6 of Columbia a shortage of offstreet parking spaces exists in
7 the immediate vicinity of public buildings, Senate and House
8 Office Buildings, national shrines, and in the areas visited by
9 millions of citizens from all States of the Union who visit
10 the Nation's Capital annually, and that such shortage creates

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1 a parking and transportation problem for employees of the
2 Federal Government and members of the public visiting Fed-
3 eral buildings and their elected Members of Congress. There-
4 fore, in order to facilitate the business of the United States
5 and provide for the needs of citizens visiting the Nation's
6 Capital, it is necessary to provide for the construction, opera-
7 tion, and maintenance of certain parking facilities for the
8 Government, its officers and employees, and for members of
9 the public transacting business with and visiting with the
10 Government.

11 SEC. 3. (a) The Administrator of General Services
12 (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator") is author-
13 ized to contract for the construction, alteration, maintenance
14 and operation in connection with local, qualified, free enter-
15 prise parking operators, of such facilities on, above, or below
16 Federal properties in the District of Columbia as he deter-
17 mines necessary to carry out this Act.

18 (b) The Administrator is authorized to fix fees for the
19 use of parking facilities provided subject to this Act. The
20 fees fixed for officers and employees of the Federal Govern-
21 ment shall be nominal and shall be fixed taking into consid-
22 eration the proximity of the parking facility to their place
23 of employment. All proceeds from leases, fees, and other
24 charges collected by the Administrator under this Act shall
25 be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

1 (c) The Administrator is authorized to make such rules
2 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act,
3 which shall include, but not be limited to, hours of operation,
4 general administration, management, allocation of parking
5 spaces, and criteria for assignment of parking spaces.

6 (d) The Administrator is authorized to lease parking
7 facilities to carry out this Act and to contract with local,
8 experienced, parking operators for the operation of any
9 parking facility. Each such lease and each such contract
10 shall—

11 (1) state the amount of the parking fees to be
12 charged users of each facility,

13 (2) authorize official Government-owned vehicles
14 being used for Government business to park without
15 charge,

16 (3) authorize the lessee or contractor during spe-
17 cific nonworking hours to permit the public to use the
18 parking facility for reasonable fees and to retain, in
19 whole or in part, the proceeds from such fees,

20 (4) require the lessee or contractor to have in force
21 at all times during the period of the lease or contract
22 public liability insurance saving the Government harm-
23 less from all damages arising out of the operation of the
24 parking facility, and

1 (5) contain such other provisions as may be neces-
2 sary to protect the interests of the United States.

3 (e) The Administrator is authorized to commence im-
4 mediate studies for the construction of multilevel parking
5 facilities under the Mall, the Ellipse, and at such other loca-
6 tions as he deems proper to substantially relieve the offstreet
7 parking congestion in the downtown retail area of the city,
8 with a view to establishment of approximately two thousand
9 to three thousand parking spaces at each location which will
10 be devoted primarily to the needs of the visiting public.

11 (f) The Administrator is authorized to carry out any
12 construction or alteration authorized by this Act by contract
13 if he deems it to be most advantageous to the United States.

14 SEC. 4. There is hereby created and established a body
15 politic and corporate of perpetual duration, to be known as
16 the "Federal Parking Facilities Advisory Board" (herein-
17 after called the "Advisory Board"). The Advisory Board
18 shall be composed of five members acting under the chair-
19 manship of the Administrator, consisting of the Commissioner
20 of Public Buildings of General Services or his designee, a
21 designee of the Department of the Interior, a designee of the
22 National Park Service, and two designees of the private
23 enterprise parking industry of the District of Columbia.
24 Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compen-
25 sation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement of necessary

1 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The
2 Administrator is authorized to appoint an Executive Secre-
3 tary subject to the Classification Act of 1949, and to employ
4 such other personnel as he considers necessary for the proper
5 performance of this Act.

6 SEC. 5. (a) No appropriation shall be made to con-
7 struct or alter any parking facility, involving an expenditure
8 in excess of \$100,000, if such construction or alteration has
9 not been approved by resolutions adopted by the Committee
10 on Public Works of the Senate and House of Representatives,
11 respectively. For the purpose of securing consideration of
12 such approval, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a
13 prospectus of the proposed parking facility, including (but
14 not limited to) —

15 (1) a brief description of the parking facility and
16 real property on which the facility is to be constructed,
17 acquired, altered, or leased;

18 (2) the locating of the parking facility;

19 (3) the estimated maximum cost to the United
20 States of the proposed parking facility;

21 (4) a statement by the Administrator that a suit-
22 able offstreet parking facility owned by the Government
23 is not available and that suitable offstreet parking is not
24 otherwise available at fees commensurate with those to
25 be afforded by the proposed action; and

1 (5) a statement of parking fees and costs currently
2 being paid by the Government, its officers and employees,
3 and members of the visiting public to Federal buildings
4 who would be served by the proposed parking facility.

5 (b) The estimated cost of any project approved under
6 this section as set forth in the prospectus may be increased
7 by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if any, as
8 determined by the Administrator, in construction or alteration
9 costs, as the case may be, from the date of transmittal of such
10 prospectus to Congress, but in no event shall the increase
11 authorized by this subsection exceed 10 per centum of such
12 estimated maximum cost.

13 SEC. 6. In carrying out his duties under this Act, the
14 Administrator shall take such action as may be necessary to
15 insure the equitable distribution of parking facilities through-
16 out the District of Columbia with due regard for the compara-
17 tive urgency of need for such facilities, and to that end shall
18 take into consideration the availability of public transporta-
19 tion, other public as well as commercial offstreet parking
20 facilities, and municipal, regional, and other planning for the
21 future extension or improvement of public transportation and
22 parking facilities.

23 SEC. 7. As used under this Act—

24 (1) The term “parking facility” means any struc-
25 ture designed for offstreet parking for motor vehicles of

1 the Government, its officers and employees, and mem-
2 bers of the public visiting the Nation's Capital.

3 (2) The term "construct" and "alter" include
4 preliminary planning, engineering, architectural, legal,
5 fiscal, and economic investigations and studies, surveys,
6 design, plans, working drawings, specifications, pro-
7 cedures, and other similar actions necessary for the
8 construction or alteration of a parking facility.

9 (3) The term "United States" includes the District
10 of Columbia.

11 (4) The term "Government" means any depart-
12 ment, agency, or instrumentality of the executive branch
13 of the Federal Government including any wholly owned
14 Government corporation and any establishment in the
15 legislative or judicial branch of the Government except
16 the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Architect
17 of the Capitol and any activities under his direction.

18 (5) The term "qualified" free enterprise parking
19 operator means an operator, financially responsible, with
20 a proven record of large-scale, efficient operation.

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